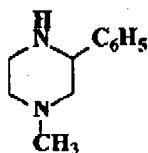


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8. The process of claim 7 where the hydrogenating step is done in acetic acid in the presence of palladium-carbon catalyst.

9. A process for preparing 1-Methyl-3-phenylpiperazine represented by Formula I

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Formula I

comprising reducing the compound of Formula VIII .

10. The process of claim 9 where the said reducing step is conducted with lithium

10 aluminum hydride.

11. A process for preparing 1-Methyl-3-phenylpiperazine of Formula I comprising the steps of

reducing a compound of Formula II,

15 hydrogenating a compound of Formula VII.

12. A process for preparing 1-Methyl-3-phenylpiperazine of Formula I comprising the steps of

hydrogenating a compound of Formula II,

20 reducing a compound of Formula VIII,